

**COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2004
DRAFT MINUTES**

Vice Chair Parker called the special meeting (via telephone conference call) to order at 2:35 p.m., at the Washington State Gambling Commission headquarters, located in Lacey. He affirmed the Commission would only be addressing one item carried over from the November meeting relating to an application by the Iron Horse Casino/Everett for a house-banked card room license. The members and staff present were introduced:

MEMBERS PRESENT: **COMMISSIONER ALAN PARKER, Vice Chair;
COMMISSIONER CURTIS LUDWIG, Kennewick;
COMMISSIONER GEORGE ORR, Spokane;**

STAFF PRESENT: **RICK DAY, Director;
NEAL NUNAMAKER, Deputy Director;
DAVE TRUJILLO, Acting Administrator-Licensing;
JERRY ACKERMAN, Assistant Attorney General;
SHIRLEY CORBETT, Executive Assistant**

1. House-Banked Card Room Reviews:

Iron Horse Casino, Everett:

Dave Trujillo, Administrator for Licensing Services reported that as previously noted, this was a purchase of an existing facility. Freddie's Club Casino/Everett closed on Friday, November 26, 2004. Money was placed into escrow on Monday, November 29, 2004, and subsequently disbursed. Documents memorializing the transaction were also hand delivered to the Commission on Monday, November 29, 2004. The documents have been reviewed by Commission staff, and found to be in order. Mr. Trujillo affirmed Freddie's Club Casino/Everett physically closed its doors at 5:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 30, and ceased to exist. Presently, Iron Horse Casino/Everett is awaiting Commission approval before opening. The applicant proposes to operate up to 15 tables and has requested operating hours from 10: a.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Vice Chair Parker called for questions and comments. **Assistant Attorney General Jerry Ackerman** noted for the record that Chris Kealy, Frank Miller, and Dave Malone were present and available to respond to any questions.

Commissioner Orr made a motion seconded by **Commissioner Ludwig** to authorize the Iron Horse Casino located in Everett to be licensed as a house-banked card room authorized to operate up to fifteen tables with the maximum betting limit allowed under WAC 230-40-120, based upon staff's recommendation, the licensing investigation, and PORE. *Vote taken; the motion passed with three aye votes.*

Mr. Miller extended his appreciation.

With no further comments, **Vice Chair Parker** adjourned the meeting at 2:39 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Shirley Corbett
Executive Assistant